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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : MAIL STOP: AF  
Toshiki SAKABAYASHI : Confirmation No. 3752  
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Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed August 3, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows: